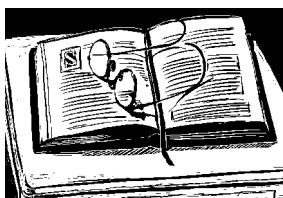


# THE ROCK



Relying on Christ to illuminate our spiritual journey, we offer ourselves to God  
Partnering with one another and  
Creating ministries of compassion that transform the lives of those in need



## Lectionary:

### March 1

Gen.9:8-17; Ps. 25:1-10;  
1 Peter 3:18-22,  
Mark 1:9-15

### March 8

Gen. 17:107, 15-16; Ps.  
23:23-31; Rom. 4:13-25;  
Mark 8:31-38

### March 15

Exod. 20:1-17; Ps. 19; 1  
Cor. 1:18-25;  
John 2:13-22

### March 22

Num. 21:4-9; Ps. 107:1-  
3, 17-22; Eph. 2:1-10;  
John 3:14-21

### March 29

Jer. 31:31-34, Ps. 51:1-  
12 or Ps. 119:9-16;  
Heb. 5:5-10;  
John 12:20-33

## The Tattler ..... By Pastor George



“Jesus called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” Mark 8:34 Have you ever considered that Jesus issued this invitation not just to the original twelve disciples, but first and foremost to the crowd that follows Jesus throughout the Gospel of Mark? Apparently the call to discipleship isn’t reserved for spiritual elites or limited to heroic acts of martyrdom; it’s offered to any who will take up the cross and follow him

In that light, I offer you some specific suggestions for making the cross the focus of your Lenten journey. In her book, *St. Benedict’s Toolbox: The Nuts and Bolts of Everyday Benedictine Living*, author Jane Tomaine notes that, “In his Rule, Benedict says, ‘The life of a monk ought to be a continuous Lent,’ but he recognizes that ‘few, however, have the strength for this.’ Yet in the season of Lent or at times when we wish to make a special offering to God, we can willingly make a holy offering in some form of spiritual and personal discipline.” (from, *St. Benedict’s Toolbox*, p. 146.)

Tomaine goes on to offer some very practical and accessible tools for the cross bearing life:

**“Read a Gospel -** Set aside ten minutes or more each day to slowly read Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. Just read slowly and let what happens, happen. Sometimes you will receive insights, sometimes not. Be patient and open to God. (Come to our Lectio Group on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 p.m. to practice this sort of “holy reading.”

**Replace Grumbling with Prayer -** Simply replace grumbling with the words, “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.” By saying these words whenever we catch ourselves grumbling aloud or in our hearts, we can stop our grumbling and make a space for God.

**Give Alms -** Using this tool, we reach out to others in intentional and specific ways. We share our money with the needy or offer our time to a worthy cause. Do something that you have not done before. Reach out beyond your normal sphere of concern.” (from, *St. Benedict’s Toolbox*, pp. 146-48

Why not begin your Lenten journey to the cross by taking up one or more of these “tools?” After all, according to Jesus, the way of the cross can be the way of life for all of us! And, thanks to St. Benedict’s toolbox, we have the right “equipment” to do just that!

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Deadline for articles *hand-written/typed* or *e-mailed to us in Word format* is the **20<sup>th</sup> of each month**. Articles will be accepted after the 20<sup>th</sup> but will be published only as room permits. To assure that your article gets in the newsletter please have them to us by the 20<sup>th</sup>.

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Faye Bennett	Catherine Shelton
Kimberly Prosser	
Kim Workman	

**Thank you** to all who sent cards, brought meals and goodies to me during my recent recovery from surgery. Thank you for your prayers and well wishes. My Church Family is one of the greatest blessings in my life!

Melanie Bradford



**Thank you** for all the phone calls, cards, positive thoughts and prayers during my recent surgery and recuperation. I am doing much better. I appreciate your care and concern!

Catherine Shelton

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

In the year 2000 our children and kin along with many of you, our church family, established a mission scholarship in honor of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In the past, the interest on your investment has helped send workers to our former mission Rancho Ebenezer and contributed to the youth attending Montreat.

This year the interest of \$1,343.05 will help provide clean water to people in Haiti and other disaster areas through the mission of Air Mobile Ministries. Thank you for your generosity.

Bev and Les Moseley

March 8th





**Rockledge Relay for Life** will be held May 1-2 at Rockledge High School. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kimberly Prosser at 633-4543 or [kprosser@cfl.rr.com](mailto:kprosser@cfl.rr.com).

Relay For Life® is about celebration, remembrance, and hope. By participating, you honor cancer survivors, pay tribute to the lives we've lost to the disease, and raise money to help fight it.

An important part of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life® is the celebration of nearly 11 million cancer survivors who are alive in the United States today. Survivors include anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer. Whether you are currently fighting your battle, or have been cancer-free for many years, you are a survivor. We also celebrate the many Caregivers who have provided countless hours of care and support. Caregivers come to Relay to celebrate their loved ones and remember those that we have lost.



Relay For Life® is a special place for Survivors. Survivors are the main reason we continue to Relay. You show we are making great strides in our fight against cancer, so we invite you to come join us. We want to celebrate you during the opening ceremony of Relay, and invite you to walk in a special Survivors lap. If you would like to register to participate in this year's Survivor Lap & activities, please contact Kimberly. We would also like to honor you during the lighting of luminaries that shine to represent the hope for a future where cancer no longer threatens those we love.

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## **SOCIAL CONCERNS.....**

"One Great Hour of Sharing" is Palm Sunday, April 5th!

Thank you to Thad Martin, Jo Waits, their truck and our volunteers for another successful **Citrus Gleaming**.

Thank you to the Social Concerns Committee and especially to Terrie and Tom Franco for coordinating our "**Souperbowl Sunday**" soup and mug sales to benefit Air Mobile Ministries and the donations of soup for the Sharing Center.

I truly appreciate the dedication of this committee and their willingness to carry on while I am recovering.  
---- Catherine Shelton

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## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN.....**

Church Women United will celebrate "World Day of Prayer" on March 6, 2009 at 9:30am at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 525 Minuteman Cswy, Cocoa Beach. The theme this year is "In Christ There Are Many Members Yet One Body". Call June Milsap (639-4074) if you are interested in attending. We will car pool from the church parking lot.

March Circles:

Abigail	Monday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm (Parlor)
Mary Martha	Tuesday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am (Calvin)
Ruth	Tuesday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm'
Esther	Wednesday, March 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am (home of Bette LaRoche)

## Kid's Night .....

Kid's Night has come to a close for this school year. We celebrated the last day of Kid's Night with a fun-filled party including dinner, games, whipping up smoothies, a Build-Your-Own-Sundae area and a wonderful scripture treasure hunt. It was a great time for both the kids and the volunteers! I'd like to thank each of the volunteers we have had throughout the school year. Your dedication has made this delightful program possible! From the Energizers to art class, recreation and the Christmas play, cooking classes to Pastor George's Bible stories it was a terrific time.

Kids, make sure you stop by Kid's Day when it kicks off on March 1. You can meet up with your friends from Kid's Night and meet some new friends too. Then we'll all meet again in the fall when Kid's Night resumes.

Peace and Blessings!

--- Marie Edwards

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# You are invited to Kid's Day



**Sunday**  
**March 1<sup>st</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:15 - 2:15**

**Lunch, Activities &  
Games!**

***Lunch \$2.00 per person***

**All children ages Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade invited!**



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**"Mark your calendar - Vacation Bible School will be June 22-26!"**

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS.....

## Celebrate St. Patrick's Day – Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

Following 11:00am Worship Service

POTLUCK LUNCH

Bring a dish to share

LAST NAME BEGINNING “A – H”  
Main Course

LAST NAME BEGINNING “I – O”  
DESSERT

LAST NAME BEGINNING “P – Z”  
SIDE DISH



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## TALENT SHOW

Coming Soon

RPC's 2nd Annual Talent Show

Starring you!

If you sing, dance or play an instrument,

We want to showcase you!

Contact Kathy Kenny 735-6005

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## The Salvation Army North Central Brevard County Women's Auxiliary invites you to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show “Parade of Fashions”

Saturday March 14, 2009, 11:00 AM at the Rockledge Country Club

\*\*\*Silent Auction\*\*\*

Fashions by Patchington's, Avenue Viera, and Dress Barn, Shoppes Drive, Viera

Cost \$25. Send check to Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary  
Peg Messina, Treasurer, 1800 Fowler Drive, Merritt Island, FL 32952

Proceeds from this event will help send underprivileged children to a week long summer sleep-a-way camp at Camp Keystone Heights, FL. Reservation by March 10, 2009. For information call Peg Messina, 455-2917 or Pat Simanek, 633-0853.



# MARCH 2009



- Sun 1**     **Sharing Center Sunday; Kids Day Program after 11:00 service**
- 2     6:00pm Scouts (C); 6:30pm Fellowship (C); 6:30pm Corp. Admin.
- 3     6:30pm C.E. (L); 7:00pm AA (K)
- 4     6:30pm Lectio; 7:30pm Choir
- 5     6:30pm RPS Board (L)
- 6     7:00pm AA (K)
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- Sun 8**     Nominating Comm. 12:00 noon (L);  
**Daylight Savings Time Begins...Remember to spring ahead!**
- 9     9:30am RPW Project Day (C); 6:00pm Scouts (C); 7:00pm Abigail (P)
- 10     7:00pm AA (K); 7:00pm Session (L)
- 11     6:30pm Lectio; 7:30pm Choir (K)
- 12
- 13     **RPS Spaghetti Dinner (C); 7:00pm AA (K)**
- 14     8:00am Men's Fellowship (RCC)
  
- Sun 15**     **St Patrick's Day Luncheon**
- 16     6:00pm Scouts (C)
- 17     10:00am Mary Martha (C); 7:00pm AA (K); 7:00pm Ruth
- 18     10:00am Esther; 10:00am Ruby Wednesday; 6:30pm Lectio; 7:30pm Choir (K)
- 19
- 20     6-9pm Audubon (C); 7:00pm AA (K)
- 21     6-9pm Spina Bifida (C)
  
- Sun 22**     12:00pm SALT; 2:00pm Crop Walk, Lori Wilson Park, Cocoa Beach
- 23     6:00pm Scouts (C)
- 24     9:30am RPW Coordinating Team (P); 7:00pm AA (K)  
7:00pm Trustees (C); 7:00pm Deacons (P)
- 25     6:30pm Lectio; 7:30pm Choir
- 26
- 27     7:00pm AA (K)
- 28     8:00am Men's Fellowship (RCC)
  
- Sun 29**     **Easter Play/Sader Meal**
- 30     6:00pm Scouts (C)
- 31     7:00pm AA (K)



RPC High School Youth Group Presents  
**Whose Cross Is It, Anyway?**



*Mark Your Calendar!*

*Lenten Dinner Theater Fund Raiser*

**Sunday, March 29, 2009**

**5:30pm**

Calvin Hall

Menu

Hot Cross Buns

Spring Salad

Baked Ham, String Bean Casserole, Vegetable

Coffee, Dessert

Ticket Cost

\$12 Adults, \$10 kids ages 5-10, Under age 5 free

Tickets on sale in south hallway Sundays between  
services beginning 3/15/09.

## **BREVARD SHARING CENTER.....**

Please keep the Sharing Center in mind when you replace any furniture, buy a new TV or other electronic equipment, an appliance (assuming they are in working condition). If you know of your neighbors doing any upgrading, we would love to have the ones they are replacing. Our furniture ark is getting low in its selection of these articles. Don't forget, we will schedule pickups, Just call 631-0306.

We also need volunteers to help with the sorting of the clothes that come in. If you would like to make some new friends and have a few hours a week or month, we would love to have you. I know it is not glamorous work, but so necessary.

Don't forget the Crop Walk is coming up March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm at Lori Wilson Park in Cocoa Beach. Come out to the beach for an afternoon of fun food and fellowship as well as some good exercise and all for a good cause. See BJ Smith in the south hallway March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> to sign up to be a walker or to sponsor a walker. We need everyone. I have heard if we do better than Hope United Church of Christ, Pastor George may get his car washed for free. Let's make it happen.

It's also not too soon to think about the Salsa Festival in Cocoa Beach at the Holiday Inn which will take place in May. It's great fun. Watch for more information in future newsletters.

Thanks again for all the food donations. Now that the holidays are over, don't stop, this is the beginning of the season that we will really need your help. Thanks again for all that you do.     –BJ Smith

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## **STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

There are 98 pledges for a total of \$245,236 for 2009. We are 27 pledges under and approximately \$55,000 short in 2009 compared to 2008. If you have not submitted your Stewardship Pledge Card for 2009, please complete one and leave it in the Sunday Worship Service offering plate. To all of our church members who have submitted their 2009 Pledge Card, we offer you a special THANK YOU for your continued commitment and support to the missions of RPC.

## **PER CAPITA**

Please remember that the 2009 Per Capita apportionment is \$14.10 per member. The blue envelope in your offering envelopes can be used for this payment. The total amount due from our church for 2009 is \$5,344.

## **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS**

When submitting a check for the Capital Campaign Fund, please remember to write the words "CAPITAL CAMPAIGN" or "CAPITAL FUND" in the memo section of your check so that your giving may be properly credited. If you have not submitted your Capital Campaign Pledge, please remember that it is a 3 year Capital Campaign commitment and you may either pay weekly, monthly, yearly or you may do a one-time gift towards our Church Capital Campaign.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL CHURCH STEWARDS.**

**REMEMBER THAT GIVING IS CONTAGIOUS AND ALWAYS MAKES US FEEL BETTER!**

## FUNNY BONE.....

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, 'I know what the Bible means!'

His father smiled and replied, 'What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?'

The son replied, 'I do know!'



'Okay,' said his father. 'What does the Bible mean?'

'That's easy, Daddy...' the young boy replied excitedly, 'It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'

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There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

'Is there anything breakable in here?' asked the postal clerk.



'Only the Ten Commandments.' answered the lady.

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There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: 'I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets.'

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A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter.

Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: 'I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses.'

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note 'I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation.'

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A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

'Reverend,' said the young man, 'I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip.'

The minister chuckled, 'I know what you mean. It's the same in my business.'



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RPC News  
March 2009

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Return Service Requested

Worship Services: 8:30am & 11:00am  
Church School for all ages: 9:30am  
Coffee/Fellowship in Calvin Hall: 10:30am

